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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application for a groundwater discharge permit, NEV2004522, from the following applicant:

Bill Artamenko
Yaweh Farms
2480 Athens Avenue
Lincoln, CA 95648

The Applicant proposes to construct and operate a vermiculture facility to process a maximum of 11,000 wet tons per year of dewatered domestic septage to Class A biosolids standards at Yaweh Farms. Yaweh Farms is located 3 kilometers west of Toulon on the south side of Tomi Road, Pershing County, Nevada. To be eligible for public distribution, the metals concentrations in the castings must be below the biosolids pollutant concentration limits and adequate pathogen reduction must be demonstrated. The castings are proposed to be sold to nurseries and horticulturists as potting material.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue the permit to discharge, NEV2004522, for a five (5) year period subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding the permit or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
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Comments or objections must be received within the thirty (30) day comment period, which begins on the date of this publication. Comments and/or hearing requests postmarked or

received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 PM August 12, 2005 will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Bruce Holmgren of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9423, or at bholmgre@nedp.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website address: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.